



# **Family Advocacy Program**

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## **Mission**

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is a multi-faceted, multi-disciplinary program designed to address child abuse and domestic abuse within the Marine Corps community through prevention, advocacy, intervention and treatment

The program is staffed with clinicians, victim advocates, home visitors and prevention specialists who work as part of a coordinated response to meet the needs of service members and their families on the installation

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# Prevention and Education Program

- Designed to contribute to a reduction in child abuse and domestic violence by:
  - Enhancing family and individual functioning
  - Easing stressors that trigger abusive behavior
  - Increasing awareness of domestic/child abuse
  - Increasing awareness of high risk situations
  - Delivering targeted educational programs

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# Prevention and Education Program

- Responsibilities
  - Commander Education
  - Unit Education
  - Community Education
  - Professional and Paraprofessional Education
- Program Curriculums
  - Married and Loving It
  - Century Anger Management
  - Coping with Work and Family Stress
  - Triple P- Positive Parenting Program
  - Within My Reach

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# Victim Advocacy Program

## Responsibilities

- Serve in an on-call duty status 24/7/365
- Provide initial response to victims of domestic abuse and/or sexual assault (on-site or over the phone)
- Respond to calls from military and civilian entities (i.e. PMO, NCIS, the Naval Hospital/Clinic)
- Inform victim(s) of the voluntary nature of VA services
- Inform victim(s) of their reporting options

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- Assess for imminent danger of life or harm
- Help victim(s) develop a safety plan
- Ensure the victim is aware of all legal action available to promote their safety
- Act as a liaison between the victim and command representatives
- Assist the victim with resources and referrals

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# Victim Advocacy Program

## 24/7 Helpline

- Victim advocates respond to calls 24/7, 365 days
- Anonymous
- Each installation has their own helpline and the number is publicized

## Transitional Compensation for Abused Family Members (TCAFM)

- TCAFM is a congressionally-mandated program that provides temporary financial assistance to eligible family members after the Marine offender is separated from the Marine Corps for a dependent-abuse offense
- Victim Advocates (VAs) coordinate completion of the TCAFM application with the client
- VAs are responsible for providing education to commands, eligibility criterion and the importance of including domestic violence in separation documentation, when appropriate

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# Clinical Program

## Responsibilities

- Screen for potential FAP cases that meet the DoD definition(s) of intimate partner or child abuse/neglect
- Assess incident and family dynamics; risk assessment
- Assist the Incident Determination Committee with incident status determination
- General screening for substance use and psychological health
- Clinical case staff meeting
- Treatment interventions
- Clinical case management

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# Clinical Program

- Evidence based assessments
  - Spousal Assault Risk Assessment; Child Abuse Potential Inventory; Semi-structured Clinical Interview for Children and Adolescents
- Evidence based screenings
  - Columbia Suicide Rating Scale; Generalized Anxiety Disorder Scale; PTSD Checklist; Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test; Patient Health Questionnaire
- Evidence-Based Treatment
  - Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
  - Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT)
  - Domestic Violence Focused Couples Therapy (DVFCT)
  - Triple P (Standard Teens and Group Teens)
  - Skills, Techniques, Options, Plans (STOP) Curriculum

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# New Parent Support Program

## Responsibilities

- Promotes personal and family readiness and reduces the risk of child maltreatment by providing parenting education and support to expectant parents as well as to parents with children up to the age of five
- Prevention based program
- Referrals: Self referrals, commands, medical providers, community agencies, Family Advocacy Program
- Serves families who have allegations of child maltreatment or who have 'met criteria' cases of child maltreatment

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# New Parent Support Program

- Services provided
  - Home visitation: At least twice per month
  - Classes/groups: Baby Boot Camp, breastfeeding support, play mornings, parenting classes
  - Offering home visits and classes outside of normal duty hours to increase participation by service members
- Program Curriculums
  - Infant Massage
  - Safe and Sound Campaign launched at Camp Lejeune
  - Period of Purple Crying App
  - Parents As Teachers

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# Family Advocacy Staff Training (FAST) Course

- Three day hosted training to new and veteran FAP employees
- Provides overview of FAP role, purpose and execution, Marine Corps culture, OSD initiatives
- Includes presentations from Subject Matter Experts in the field of child abuse and domestic violence incorporating trauma informed care
- In FY15, MFCP-2 initiated providing FAST in a traveling format on the east and west coast in order to reduce TAD costs, to address any backlog of untrained staff, and to limit disruptions to the installations' mission

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# Way Ahead

- FY17 FAST course hosted at Okinawa
- FY17 Quality Assurance Tool/Chart Audits
- Developing research projects with HQMC Research and Program Development
- FAP Needs Assessment
- Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate Functionality Assessment and Staffing Model
- Clinical Case Staff Meeting Quality Assurance
- Parents As Teachers Curriculum
- Forms revision with CCP and SAP
- Case collaboration within Behavioral Health and identification of gaps in service delivery
- Revising DoDCMS
- MCO 1754.11 revision

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Questions?